वाई) तथा खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग कमीशन (के वी आई सी) की 20 लाख रोजगार अवसरों की योजनाएं आरम्भ की गई हैं। प्रधान मंत्री के एकीकृत शहरी निर्धनता उपशमन कार्यक्रम (आई यू पी ए पी) में रोजगार सृजन की समग्रता के साथ जनसंख्या के निर्धन वर्गों की मूल सेवाओं का प्रावधान इसकी एक आधारभूत विशेषता है।

Indo-Israel Chamber of Commerce

782. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to boost the Indo-Israel trade a proposal to set up a Indo-Israel Chamber of Commerce at Hyderabad is being considered;

(b) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(c) the total trade between the two countries at present;

(d) to what extent it will be improved; and

(e) whether Israel has already emerged as a major trading partner of India; and

(f) the areas in which India & Israel are improving the trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present with Ministry of Commerce to set up an Indo-Israel Chamber of Commerce at Hyderabad.

(c) The total trade between India and Israel during 1995-96 was Rs. 1506.52 crores.

(d) While it is not possible at this stage to make any accurate forecast about trade between India and Israel during 1996-97; it is expected to grow further.

(e) Israel's share in India's global trade during 1995-96 was about 0.7%.

(f) Our major exports to Israel are gems & jewellery, cotton and manmade textiles, cashew, coffee, organic/inorganic/basic chemicals, engineering goods, etc. Our main imports from Israel are fertilizers, pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, organic/inorganic chemicals, machinery, project goods, petroleum products, etc.

छत्तीसगढ़ में स्पंज आयरन एवं रिरोलिंग मिलें

783. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में स्पंज आयरन एवं रिरोलिंग मिल के कितने-कितने कारखाने कहां-कहां और कब से स्थापित हैं;

(ख) इन मिलों के लिए राज्य सरकार द्वारा कितनी भूमि अधिग्रहीत की गई थी और किस मूल्य पर प्रत्येक को उपलब्ध कराई गई थी;

(ग) इन स्थापित मिलों में से कौन-कौन सी मिलें कब से बंद कर दी गई है; और

(घ) इन मिलों को बंद किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं?

इस्पात मंत्री और खान मंत्री (श्री बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद वैश्य): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Construction of Tobacco Barns

784. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will finance or subsidise the construction of tobacco barns in flood-affected areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Tobacco Board surveyed the damage to tobacco barns in coastal Andhra due to recent cyclonic weather;

(c) if so, the details of the survey; and

(d) the steps proposed to assist the farming community by the Tobacco Board in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) (a) Yes Sir, Tobacco Board is providing financial assistance to the SC/ST/Small and marginal farmers for repair/construction of

barn damaged by the flood/heavy rains in October, 1995.

(b) to (d) As per the survey conducted by the Tobacco Board, the Cyclonic weather in the second week of June'96 caused substantial damage to three barns only and partial damage to 38 barns in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.

Ceiling on cultivation of Virginia Tobacco

785. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ceiling has been fixed on cultivation of Virginia tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total quantity of tobacco exported and the foreign exchanges earned therefrom during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) (a) and (b) The authorised crop size of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco fixed by the Tobacco Board for the year 1996-97 is as under:—

STATE	CROP SIZE (Qty. in M.Kgs)
Andhra Pradesh	83.08
Maharashtra	0.13
Orissa	0.13
Karnataka	29.50
	112.84

(c) Quantity of Tobacco exported and the foreign exchange earned during each of the last three years are as follows:

(Quantity in Tons and Value in Rs. Crores)

ITEM	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Tobacco	104676	461.19	53732	254.75	71430	365.81

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Special employment programme of KVIC

786. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that KVIC is presently implementing a special employment programme in a number of blocks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of blocks that have been selected by KVIC in the State of Maharashtra under this programme, district-wise;

(d) the number of block in Maharashtra particularly in Nagpur District where the programme has been launched, with details thereof;

(e) whether targets of employment generation for these blocks of the State have been fixed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) KVIC has identified 125 blocks throughout the country for implementing the special employment programme. This programme was launched on 2nd October, 1994 which was the 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatmaji. In order to commemorate this event, the number of block was restricted to 125. It is expected to create employment for 1000 persons in